Promoting use of CNG

1752. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to promote use of CNG by encouraging CNG driven cars;

(b) if so, whether necessary infrastructure has been created for this purpose;

(c) whether this facility is likely to be provided in all metropolitan cities; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, infrastructure for supply of CNG has been developed in Delhi and Mumbai.

(c) and (d) CNG infrastructure is being developed in other cities in a phased manner. In the first phase, GAIL propose to develop CNG infrastructure in the cities of Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Faridabad, Pune and Bareilly.

Development of Bargasur Fort in Uttaranchal

†1753. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the ruins of the fort of Bargasur of the mythological era are still in existence in Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for the conservation and protection of this place of historical and cultural importance?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Government is not aware of the ruins of fort of Bargasur in Uttaranchal. There is, however, a fort called Banasur, after the mythological Asura King Bana, at village Rauteli Mahra in district Champawat, Uttaranchal, which is under protection of the State Government of Uttaranchal.

Funds for tourism in Jammu and Kashmir

1754. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the projects being taken up jointly by the State and the Central Government to boost tourism in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government for the various tourism related projects;

(c) the details of amount already released; and

(d) what is the status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The details of the projects sanctioned in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

It has also been decided to take up the following works in Jammu & Kashmir during the current financial year:

1. Restoration/conservation/development of Kheer Bhawani Shrine at Tulmula, Ganderbal, Kashmir, and its environment.
2. Restoration/conservation/development of Shrine Complex at Baba-Rishi Sahib, Tangmarg, Kashmir, and its environment.
3. Upgradation of Amarnath Ji Yatra and provision of Shelter units etc.
4. Improvement of tourism circuit-Vaishno Devi-Patnitop-Srinagar-Gulmarg.
5. Improvement of tourism facilities in and around Aishmuquam Shrine, Kashmir.